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STATE REVIEW FOR THE YEAR

Important Events in West Virginia Last Twelve Months Are Recalled.

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CLARKSBURG, Dec. 30.—A cloudburst at the headwaters of the Cabin Creek and Coal river valleys which cost the lives of more than fifty persons and property damage estimated at \$1,000,000; two steamboat disasters, the sinking of the packet Kanawha and the towboat Sam Brown, which resulted in the deaths of twenty-one persons and three mine explosions that snuffed the lives of twenty-one men marked the year 1916 in West Virginia. Prosperity which was felt throughout the state, featured the twelve months, however, and only a shortage of coal and scarcity of labor recently, interfered with the industrial progress.

Politics enlivened several months of the year, finally ending with the general election on November 7 only to be revived again a few weeks later with the calling of an extraordinary session of the state legislature by Gov. H. D. Hatfield. The events which punctuated the year follow:

January.
—West Virginia's total monetary assets reported at \$2,749,000 by Treasurer E. L. Long.
—Attorney General A. A. Lilly, at Bluefield, announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announces promotion of W. H. Averall, general superintendent of the Wheeling division to general manager of the New York properties of the company.

2—Report of school department made public today shows there are 410,000 children of school age in West Virginia, an increase of 10,000 in one year.

Piedmont's water supply demands investigated because of outbreak of typhoid fever.

3—Baltimore and Ohio railroad complies with injunction in Mineral county and prohibits passengers from carrying labeled intoxicants.

4—Republican national committee apportioned sixteen delegates to the national convention from West Virginia.

5—United States Geological Survey gives statistics to show that West Virginia furnishes forty per cent of the gas of the United States.

6—Grand jury of Ohio county, failing to indict, forty-two out of forty-five alleged bootleggers are freed in Wheeling.

Ten out of thirteen prisoners succeeded in sawing out of the county jail at Wayne Court House.

8—Ohio river packet steamer Kanawha sinks at Lock No. 19, nine miles below Parkersburg. Crew numbered forty, passenger list thirty-six. Eleven persons drowned. Property loss nearly \$50,000.

Tariffs suspended by Interstate Commerce Commission providing for fifteen cents a ton for hauling coal to western and northwestern markets.

John S. Darst withdraws as candidate for Republican nomination for governor and announces candidacy to succeed himself as state auditor.

7—Steamboat owners in Ohio and Kanawha rivers announce they will co-operate with prohibition department to curtail shipments of intoxicants.

10—Supplementary school fund of \$30,000 distributed among schools of

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supreme court.
23—Norfolk and Western railroad directs that no passengers can ride carrying labeled intoxicants.
28—Howard Sutherland, congressman at large, announces candidacy for the Republican nomination of United States senator.
29—Mine explosion near Kempton, W. Va., entombing seventy-one miners; eight killed. Heavy loss for Davis Coal and Coke Company.

1—Senator D. E. French announces candidacy for Democratic nomination for governor.
2—Injunction to prohibit interurban railroad company at Parkersburg from hauling passengers with labeled intoxicants, refused by Judge W. E. McDowell.

3—Orders issued by attorney general of United States that all federal prisoners from West Virginia be sent to Atlanta prison.
9—Congressman W. G. Brown, of Second West Virginia congressional district, dies in Washington.

11—Henry G. Davis, former United States senator and Democratic nominee for vice president in 1904 dies in Washington.

12—W. M. O. Dawson, former governor of West Virginia, dies in Charleston.

13—Coal car shortage reported spreading.
14—Will of Henry G. Davis, disposing of property valued at between ten and thirty millions, probated at Elkins.

17—Seven members of Four family burned to death in home fire at Claysville, Mineral county.

18—Mayor G. W. Cossin, of Point Pleasant, former state senator, accidentally drowned at Point Pleasant.
19—John J. Davis, eminent lawyer, dies at Clarksburg. The Rev. Lewis B. Peters, veteran Baptist minister, dies at Clarksburg.

20—Federal officers arrest Jackson county citizens for alleged frauds by mail.
21—The Rev. U. V. W. Darlington elected president of Morris-Harvey College at Huntington.

27—Dick Harrison and wife arrested in Grand Rapids, Mich. in connection with the holdup of a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at Central Station.
28—Three killed and twenty injured in a mine explosion at Kimball. Governor Hatfield calls special election for May 9 to elect successor to W. G. Brown, late congressman from Second district.

31—New river coal operators award increase of seven and one-half per cent in wages to 15,000 men.

April.
1—Six prisoners escape from Kanawha county jail.
3—Fire losses in West Virginia last year reported to amount to forty-two per cent of premiums paid.
6—Bootleggers number 150 indicted in Kanawha county. Former governor C. W. Atkinson resigns as associate justice of federal court of claims.

8—Kanawha county visited by heavy snowstorm.
10—Republican state committee meets to act on factional difficulties arising in party.
15—Greenbrier county votes \$135,000 in bonds for good roads.

22—Republicans in Kanawha county hold convention characterized by fights and arrests.
29—Tax commissioner announces that property valuation in state is \$1,285,000,000 aside from personal property.

May.
4—Republicans hold state convention in Wheeling and elect delegates to national convention.
5—Gas well estimated good for 50,000,000 cubic feet daily, struck near Weston.

6—Militia ordered to be held in readiness to quell disturbances resulting from strike of miners in Taylor county.
8—P. W. Leiter, Democrat, elected mayor of Martinsburg. State Federation of Labor meets in Huntington.

9—George W. Bowers, Republican, elected to Congress in Second district, succeeding late G. W. Brown, Democrat.
16—Annual reunion state department, Grand Army of the Republic, opens at Sistersville.

19—Miners and operators of eastern Ohio close conference at Wheeling and avert strike.
24—State bankers' association meets at Wheeling.

30—West Virginia supreme court orders illegal registration corrected in Mingo county.

June.
1—Supreme court of appeals of West Virginia dissolves injunction prohibiting railroads from carrying passengers having labeled intoxicants in their possession. The Rev. George W. Peterkin, bishop of the Episcopal church, West Virginia diocese, resigns.

5—State of Virginia applies for execution against state of West Virginia to satisfy Virginia debt judgment; petition refused by United States Supreme Court.
6—Statewide primary election held; militia called out to prevent election trouble in McDowell county; riots at polls in Winding Gulf district, Raleigh county, where four persons killed.

14—Fourteen Republicans in Mingo county indicted by federal grand jury for alleged election frauds in 1914.
19—Second West Virginia infantry ordered to mobilize near Charleston.

20—West Virginia celebrates its fifty-third birthday; President Wilson speaks over telephone connected with fifty-three banquet halls in different towns and cities of the state.

22—Central Banking Company closed in Huntington by state banking commissioner.
27—First infantry, West Virginia National Guard, ordered to make ready

to mobilize.
29—First regiment ordered to mobilization camp near Charleston. Capt. C. C. Lewis, of Charleston, named chairman Democratic state executive committee at Parkersburg; Clarence W. Watson elected national Democratic committeeman.

July.
6—Corporations attack constitutionality of corporation income tax law in United States district court. C. C. Lewis, Jr., of Charleston, resigns as president state board of trade to become chairman of Democratic state committee.
7—Three clubs drop out of Ohio State League, making abandonment of league necessary.

8—First infantry ordered home from mobilization camp.
10—State treasury reported to contain sufficient funds to pay \$400,000 indebtedness incurred to tide state through a deficit.
12—Hottest day of summer in West Virginia.

15—Republican state committee calls state convention to be held at Huntington on August 10.
22—Federal trade commissioners meet Kanawha mine operators in Charleston to discuss coal trade conditions.

24—Attorney General A. A. Lilly conceded republican gubernatorial nomination to Judge Ira E. Robinson. Second infantry "saves" capitol in war game.
25—State road department reports that \$13,000,000 in bonds have been ratified in various counties for the building of good roads.

August.
1—Labor shortage begins to affect West Virginia industries. Democrats hold state convention at Parkersburg.
5—Coal operators of state ask Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate rate agitation.
8—State banks reported to have \$112,000,000 resources.

9—Cloudburst causes flood in Cabin Creek and Coal river valleys; more than fifty lives lost.
10—Republican state convention held at Huntington.
13—Socialists name state ticket at meeting in Clarksburg.

14—Relief parties organized to help residents in flood district.
25—Federal grand jury returns indictments at Webster Springs against nineteen men charged with committing election frauds in McDowell and Mingo counties.
27—Trainmen throughout state notified to strike on September 4.

31—C. C. Lewis resigns as chairman Democratic state committee.

September.
1—Clem L. Shaver, of Fairmont, elected chairman Democratic state committee at meeting in Huntington.
4—Labor day observed throughout the state.
6—Attorney general holds that primary election law of 1915 excludes political parties from ticket to be voted on November 7, if those parties did not receive five per cent of the vote cast in the 1914 election.

7—Sale of Kanawha and West Virginia railroad to the New York Central, confirmed.
8—Democratic state committee meets in Huntington to plan campaign.
13—Charles Jefferson Harrison confesses at Martinsburg that he robbed passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Central Station. Sentenced to serve twelve years in the federal prison at Atlanta.

20—Indictments returned by federal grand jury at Huntington against General Edward O'Toole and others on a charge of violating election laws. Bishop George W. Peterkin dies at Parkersburg.
23—Progressive state committee meets in Parkersburg.

October.
2—Methodist Episcopal conference at Wheeling endorses woman's suffrage.
4—Eleven indicted by the federal grand jury, acquitted at Huntington on a charge of violating the election laws in Mingo county.
7—Jury in federal court at Huntington disagrees in the case of Greenway Hatfield and others on trial for alleged election frauds in Mingo county.

11—Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for president, makes one-day tour in West Virginia.
17—Second infantry, West Virginia National Guard, departs for Mexican border.
19—Ten killed by a mine explosion at Barracksville near Fairmont.
21—Second infantry reaches San Antonio.

24—Supreme court upholds act of legislature which deprives the prohibition and other minor political parties from a place on the ballot to be used

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